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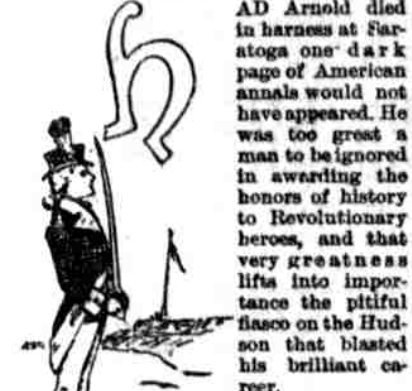
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## TO VICTORY OR DEATH.

## BENEDICT ARNOLD'S RIDE ON HIS BLACK WAR HORSE.

He Turned the Scale at the Battle of Saratoga by Heroic Exposure of His Person and Stirring Appeals to the Soldiers.

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AD Arnold died in harness at Saratoga one dark page of American annals would not have appeared. He was too great a man to be forgotten in the annals of history to Revolutionary heroes, and that very greatness lifts into importance the pitiful aspect of the Hudson son that blasted his brilliant career.

The 7th of October, 1777, sealed the doom of British domination in the colonies. On that day Burgoyne set out to crush the revolutionists on his front, and crown his victorious march from Canada to the interior by attaining Albany and a junction with Gen. Clinton, who was making equally successful progress up the Hudson.

No foreign power has yet recognized American independence, and the eyes of the world were literally turned upon military events then passing on the line of the Hudson and the little lakes. Burgoyne was a leader fitted for his task, and had the flower of British regulars and German auxiliaries. His opponent, Gates, had the superior force in numbers, but many of his troops were militia and volunteers for the campaign—fair weather soldiers, whose efficiency depended upon their being kept at a white heat of enthusiasm.

Burgoyne moved a column forward to flank Gates on the left, but the attempt was discovered in the American camp, and was followed by sharp tactics and by a counter-attack. Arnold was in his tent, a general without a command. Gates had deprived him of his soldiers by detaching the division he had previously commanded, so as to bring it under Gen. Lincoln, and without displacing Arnold by positive orders had ignored his presence in camp in a manner to indicate that the commanding general would gladly be rid of him.

When the battle broke out, Arnold said to his aide: "No man shall keep me in my tent today. If I am without a command I will fight in the ranks; but the soldiers, God bless them! will follow my lead. Come on, victory or death!" Then leaping into his saddle on the back of his black war horse, he galloped, or rather flew, on his thoroughbred steed across the field to the post of danger. Gates hurriedly dispatched an aid after the impetuous soldier, with a peremptory order for him to return to camp. "He might do some rash thing," was the explanation accompanying the order. Arnold saw the aid approaching him across the field, and giving Warren the rein he sped on out of reach and found one of his own brigades. The soldiers received him with wild cheers, another Marmion on the field of Flodden, and he immediately dashed against the British center. In the front of the fight he rode erect, brandishing his sword, shouting orders and appealing to men, and so rapid were his movements and changes of position that Gates' aid was unable to get within speaking distance and order the inspired war god back to his tent.

Fortunately for the cause of American freedom, no other aid had better luck, and Arnold and his black horse kept in the van of the Americans the remainder of the day. The foe in front of Arnold were the Hessians under Riedesel and British regulars under Phillips. Burgoyne's right and left flanks had been broken, but his center was made firm by a line of his best German troops under able commanders. Arnold was repulsed in his first charge and went at it again, riding at the very front of his men. This is a commonplace saying and often means nothing, but in Arnold's case it was literally true. This was Arnold's way on many occasions, and especially upon this one. Some time before that he had set out for a battle, saying, "You will hear of my being victorious or no more!" His conduct at Saratoga has been called "rash," "frantic," "mad," "frenzied," "furious" and "drunken"—this last from Gates, who was not upon the field at all. And Arnold was not alone in his high valor at Saratoga. Across the line, in Burgoyne's camp, there was another war god incarnate in the person of Gen. Fraser, a man to lead picked companies, forlorn hopes and desperate enterprises.

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GEORGE I. KILMER.

The Tiger Mine. From the Prescott Courier.

Messrs. Dudley Helm and C. B. Foster returned from the Tiger mine Sunday last. They were three days on the road; one entire day was spent in travelling eight miles. About a foot and a half of snow in the mountains retarded their progress as much as anything else. Mr. Helm states that he withdrew the men working in the Tiger, on account of water running in; that men were at work on the pump when he left and would hold the water level, while it had been turned so that it did not run into the mine.

Morgan stationed a file of men in a clump of bushes with orders to pick off the man on the gray horse. In a few minutes the gallant Briton fell, refusing to fly when it became evident that he was being made a special target.

The mortal wounding of Fraser was a turning point in the battle. The fighting had thus far been in open field, midway be-

tween the hostile camps, where the collision had been accidental. That is, Burgoyne's attack on the American flank had been anticipated, and detachments of Gates' army had leaped from their intrenchments and fallen upon the movable British column. Arnold's impetuous assaults, ending in the disabling of Burgoyne's chief lieutenant, threw the enemy's line into a panic, followed by a hasty retreat to the intrenchments. rapid pursuit led the Americans against the right flank of the British works, and under the excitement of the hour—excitement which, thanks to Arnold's valor, was not allowed to flag—the success was pushed to the extreme.

The British right was protected by intrenchments shaped like a horseshoe, terminating in a strong redoubt, all held by the Germans. These were located on a hill, and a ravine separated them from the main line of trenches and redoubts that stretched to the river in the form of an irregular arc. The right of the main line was held by British light infantry, under Earl Balmorais, and Arnold led portions of his brigade against the works at that point, carrying the outer line by a bayonet charge. His conduct at this time has had so many chroniclers among actual participants that the record is filled with his notable exploits. His ringing voice animated the men, and spurring his black steed into every peril he made himself a part of every event of the conflict. At one time he hailed a marching regiment, and found that it contained some Norwich and London soldiers. "I am glad to see you," he exclaimed with a welcome. "Now, come on, boys; if the day is long enough we'll have them all in—before night."

Arnold failed in his attack on Balmorais, his first and only complete repulse of the day. Between Balmorais and the German hill redoubt there was a curtain formed of low breastworks and a couple of stockades, into which Burgoyne had hastily thrown a force of Canadian and Tory volunteers. As Arnold turned away from Balmorais' impregnable position he saw the old brigade (Lamont's), part of his division that had fought with him before the British retreat. Without a halt he led his force against the stockades, broke through the line, and thus cut off the Germans on the hill. Neither did this success satisfy or give excuse for a halt. Leaving the freshly gained works to the men who had entered them, Arnold galloped off to the left to ward the hill, and in so doing passed between the fire of the contending troops.

In front of the hill he found two willing regiments and Morgan's riflemen, and instructing their leaders to make an attack on the direct front, led in person a single regiment around under the shelter of the hill, between the Germans and the Canadians and Tories, whom he had just



routed in their stockades. From this point he rushed for the rear of the Hessian stronghold. It seems to be a fact that Arnold's personality alone won the hill from the Germans. This height completely dominated Burgoyne's camp, and was placed in good hands for defense, the German regulars under Gen. Breyman.

Arnold's conspicuous figure on his foaming black horse had attracted the attention of the opposing soldiery at various periods of the conflict, and his sudden appearance in the rear of their fortress—for he gained the summit by a port—spread dismay in their ranks, and firing one wild volley they fled the other way, only to be received in that direction by the troops Arnold had ordered to act in concert on the front. In the face of that parting volley Arnold went down, shot through the same leg that had been disabled at Quebec, and his horse fell dead at the same instant. The contest raged on for a few minutes, the German leader attempting to hold out, and losing his life in the effort. It was nightfall, the point was gained, and although the space intervening between the height and the main line where Balmorais commanded was recovered by the British after Arnold quit the scene on the heels of the first success, the Americans clung to the hill and Burgoyne evacuated his intrenchments in the darkness. He knew that the key was lost and his fortified ground was untenable. After shifting from point to point without battle he surrendered at the end of a week.

Two months later France made a treaty acknowledging the independence of the United States. Spain and Holland soon followed the example set by the Bourbons, and foreign fleets and troops certainly gave heart, if not actual strength, to the revolutionists. For the victory at Saratoga Congress passed a vote of thanks to Gen. Gates, Lincoln and Arnold. Lincoln was second in command, but like his chief he abstained from appearing on the battlefield that day. Congress also granted a right for which Arnold had long pined in vain—a recognition of his proper rank among the major generals of the army.

Saratoga was Arnold's last battle for freedom, and his last moments there were the grandest of his life. When his noble war horse Warren fell, carrying him down with a bullet through his thigh bone, he turned to the men who followed with the final exhortation, "Rush on, my brave boys, rush on!" Hereafter it had been "Come on!" But Arnold could no longer lead.

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Thomas W. Beck, Plaintiff vs. Ada Churchill, executrix of the last will and testament of Alpha C. Churchill, deceased, Mary Churchill, Emma L. Churchill, Perry Churchill, and Ada Churchill, defendants.

Action brought in the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 1, in and for the County of Maricopa, in the Territory of Arizona.

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You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, in the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 1, in and for the County of Maricopa, in the Territory of Arizona, and answer the complaint filed in said Justice's Court, at Phoenix, in said County, within five days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service upon you of this summons, if served in this Precinct; but if served without this Precinct, but in the County, ten days; if served out of the County, fifteen days; and in all other cases, twenty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you.

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W. O. HUBSON,  
Justice of the Peace of said Precinct.

**SUMMONS.**

IN JUSTICE'S COURT, PRECINCT NO. 1, County of Maricopa, Territory of Arizona.

Goldman & Co., Plaintiff, vs. A. M. Meehan, defendant.

Action brought in the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 1, in and for the County of Maricopa, in the Territory of Arizona.

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Coon, Burtis & Coon, by D. H. Hurlst, plaintiff, vs. A. M. Meehan, defendant.

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